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AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to a defendant profiting from his or her crime

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 632-a of the executive law,  
2 as amended by chapter 62 of the laws of 2001, are amended to read as  
3 follows:  
4     1. For the purposes of this section:  
5     (a) "Crime" means (i) any felony defined in the laws of the state; or  
6     (ii) an offense in any jurisdiction which includes all of the essential  
7 elements of any felony defined in the laws of this state and: (A) the  
8 crime victim, as defined in subparagraph (i) of paragraph (d) of this  
9 subdivision, was a resident of this state at the time of the commission  
10 of the offense; or (B) the act or acts constituting the offense occurred  
11 in whole or in part in this state.  
12     (b) "Profits from a crime" means (i) any property obtained through or  
13 income generated from the commission of a crime of which the defendant  
14 was convicted OR FOUND, OR THE COURT ACCEPTS A PLEA OF, NOT RESPONSIBLE  
15 BY REASON OF MENTAL DISEASE OR DEFECT; (ii) any property obtained by or  
16 income generated from the sale, conversion or exchange of proceeds of a  
17 crime, including any gain realized by such sale, conversion or exchange;  
18 and (iii) any property which the defendant obtained or income generated  
19 as a result of having committed the crime, including any assets obtained  
20 through the use of unique knowledge obtained during the commission of,  
21 or in preparation for the commission of, a crime, as well as any property  
22 obtained by or income generated from the sale, conversion or exchange

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 of such property and any gain realized by such sale, conversion or  
2 exchange.

3 (c) "Funds of a convicted person" means all funds and property  
4 received from any source by a person convicted of a specified crime, OR  
5 FOUND OR THE COURT ACCEPTED A PLEA OF, NOT RESPONSIBLE BY REASON OF  
6 MENTAL DISEASE OR DEFECT, or by the representative of such person as  
7 defined in subdivision six of section six hundred twenty-one of this  
8 article excluding child support and earned income, where such person:

9 (i) is an inmate serving a sentence with the department of correction-  
10 al services or a prisoner confined at a local correctional facility or  
11 federal correctional institute, and includes funds that a superinten-  
12 dent, sheriff or municipal official receives on behalf of an inmate or  
13 prisoner and deposits in an inmate account to the credit of the inmate  
14 pursuant to section one hundred sixteen of the correction law or depos-  
15 its in a prisoner account to the credit of the prisoner pursuant to  
16 section five hundred-c of the correction law; or

17 (ii) is not an inmate or prisoner but who is serving a sentence of  
18 probation or conditional discharge or is presently subject to an undisc-  
19 charged indeterminate, determinate or definite term of imprisonment or  
20 period of post-release supervision or term of supervised release, but  
21 shall include earned income earned during a period in which such person  
22 was not in compliance with the conditions of his or her probation,  
23 parole, conditional release, period of post-release supervision by the  
24 division of parole or term of supervised release with the United States  
25 probation office or United States parole commission. For purposes of  
26 this subparagraph, such period of non-compliance shall be measured, as  
27 applicable, from the earliest date of delinquency determined by the  
28 board or division of parole, or from the earliest date on which a decla-  
29 ration of delinquency is filed pursuant to section 410.30 of the crimi-  
30 nal procedure law and thereafter sustained, or from the earliest date of  
31 delinquency determined in accordance with applicable federal law, rules  
32 or regulations, and shall continue until a final determination sustain-  
33 ing the violation has been made by the trial court, board or division of  
34 parole, or appropriate federal authority; or

35 (iii) is no longer subject to a sentence of probation or conditional  
36 discharge or indeterminate, determinate or definite term of imprisonment  
37 or period of post-release supervision or term of supervised release, and  
38 where within the previous three years: the full or maximum term or peri-  
39 od terminated or expired or such person was granted a discharge by a  
40 board of parole pursuant to applicable law, or granted a discharge or  
41 termination from probation pursuant to applicable law or granted a  
42 discharge or termination under applicable federal or state law, rules or  
43 regulations prior to the expiration of such full or maximum term or  
44 period; and includes only: (A) those funds paid to such person as a  
45 result of any interest, right, right of action, asset, share, claim,  
46 recovery or benefit of any kind that the person obtained, or that  
47 accrued in favor of such person, prior to the expiration of such  
48 sentence, term or period; (B) any recovery or award collected in a  
49 lawsuit after expiration of such sentence where the right or cause of  
50 action accrued prior to the expiration or service of such sentence; and  
51 (C) earned income earned during a period in which such person was not in  
52 compliance with the conditions of his or her probation, parole, condi-  
53 tional release, period of post-release supervision by the division of  
54 parole or term of supervised release with the United States probation  
55 office or United States parole commission. For purposes of this subpara-  
56 graph, such period of non-compliance shall be measured, as applicable,

1 from the earliest date of delinquency determined by the board or divi-  
2 sion of parole, or from the earliest date on which a declaration of  
3 delinquency is filed pursuant to section 410.30 of the criminal proce-  
4 dure law and thereafter sustained, or from the earliest date of delin-  
5 quency determined in accordance with applicable federal law, rules or  
6 regulations, and shall continue until a final determination sustaining  
7 the violation has been made by the trial court, board or division of  
8 parole, or appropriate federal authority; OR

9 (IV) IS COMMITTED TO A SECURE FACILITY DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSIONER  
10 OF MENTAL HEALTH OR SUBJECT TO TREATMENT WHICH MAY INCLUDE CONDITIONAL  
11 OR UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE.

12 (d) "Crime victim" means (i) the victim of a crime; (ii) the represen-  
13 tative of a crime victim as defined in subdivision six of section six  
14 hundred twenty-one of this article; (iii) a good samaritan as defined in  
15 subdivision seven of section six hundred twenty-one of this article;  
16 (iv) the crime victims board or other governmental agency that has  
17 received an application for or provided financial assistance or compen-  
18 sation to the victim.

19 (e) (i) "Specified crime" means:

20 (A) a violent felony offense as defined in subdivision one of section  
21 70.02 of the penal law;

22 (B) a class B felony offense defined in the penal law;

23 (C) an offense for which a merit time allowance may not be received  
24 against the sentence pursuant to paragraph (d) of subdivision one of  
25 section eight hundred three of the correction law;

26 (D) an offense defined in the penal law that is titled in such law as  
27 a felony in the first degree;

28 (E) grand larceny in the fourth degree as defined in subdivision six  
29 of section 155.30 or grand larceny in the second degree as defined in  
30 section 155.40 of the penal law;

31 (F) criminal possession of stolen property in the second degree as  
32 defined in section 165.52 of the penal law; or

33 (G) an offense in any jurisdiction which includes all of the essential  
34 elements of any of the crimes specified in clauses (A) through (F) of  
35 this subparagraph and either the crime victim as defined in subparagraph  
36 (i) of paragraph (d) of this subdivision was a resident of this state at  
37 the time of the commission of the offense or the act or acts constitut-  
38 ing the crime occurred in whole or in part in this state.

39 (ii) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (i) of this para-  
40 graph a "specified crime" shall not mean or include an offense defined  
41 in any of the following articles of the penal law: articles one hundred  
42 fifty-eight, one hundred seventy-eight, two hundred twenty, two hundred  
43 twenty-one, two hundred twenty-five, and two hundred thirty.

44 (f) "Earned income" means income derived from one's own labor or  
45 through active participation in a business as distinguished from income  
46 from, for example, dividends or investments.

47 2. (a) Every person, firm, corporation, partnership, association or  
48 other legal entity, or representative of such person, firm, corporation,  
49 partnership, association or entity, which knowingly contracts for, pays,  
50 or agrees to pay: (i) any profits from a crime as defined in paragraph  
51 (b) of subdivision one of this section, to a person charged with or  
52 convicted OR FOUND, OR THE COURT ACCEPTED A PLEA OF, NOT RESPONSIBLE BY  
53 REASON OF MENTAL DISEASE OR DEFECT, of that crime, or to the represen-  
54 tative of such person as defined in subdivision six of section six  
55 hundred twenty-one of this article; or (ii) any funds of a convicted  
56 person, as defined in paragraph (c) of subdivision one of this section,

1 where such conviction is for a specified crime and the value, combined  
2 value or aggregate value of the payment or payments of such funds  
3 exceeds or will exceed ten thousand dollars, shall give written notice  
4 to the crime victims board of the payment or obligation to pay as soon  
5 as practicable after discovering that the payment or intended payment  
6 constitutes profits from a crime or funds of a convicted person.

7 (b) Notwithstanding subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (a) of this subdi-  
8 vision, whenever the payment or obligation to pay involves funds of a  
9 convicted person that a superintendent, sheriff or municipal official  
10 receives or will receive on behalf on an inmate serving a sentence with  
11 the department of correctional services or prisoner confined at a local  
12 correctional facility and deposits or will deposit in an inmate account  
13 to the credit of the inmate or in a prisoner account to the credit of  
14 the prisoner, and the value, combined value or aggregate value of such  
15 funds exceeds or will exceed ten thousand dollars, the superintendent,  
16 sheriff or municipal official shall also give written notice to the  
17 crime victims board.

18 Further, whenever the state or subdivision of the state makes payment  
19 or has an obligation to pay funds of a convicted person, as defined in  
20 subparagraph (ii) [or], (iii) OR (IV) of paragraph (c) of subdivision  
21 one of this section, and the value, combined value or aggregate value of  
22 such funds exceeds or will exceed ten thousand dollars, the state or  
23 subdivision of the state shall also give written notice to the crime  
24 victims board.

25 In all other instances where the payment or obligation to pay involves  
26 funds of a convicted person, as defined in subparagraph (ii) [or], (iii)  
27 OR (IV) of paragraph (c) of subdivision one of this section, and the  
28 value, combined value or aggregate value of such funds exceeds or will  
29 exceed ten thousand dollars, the convicted person who receives or will  
30 receive such funds, or the representative of such person as defined in  
31 subdivision six of section six hundred twenty-one of this article, shall  
32 give written notice to the crime victims board.

33 (c) The board, upon receipt of notice of a contract, an agreement to  
34 pay or payment of profits from a crime or funds of a convicted person  
35 pursuant to paragraph (a) or (b) of this subdivision, or upon receipt of  
36 notice of funds of a convicted person from the superintendent, sheriff  
37 or municipal official of the facility where the inmate or prisoner is  
38 confined pursuant to section one hundred sixteen or five hundred-c of  
39 the correction law, shall notify all known crime victims of the exist-  
40 ence of such profits or funds at their last known address.

41 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.